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SUBJECT: SAIGON STUDENT UNION PLANS FOR DEMONSTRATIONS TO  
COINCIDE WITH NATIONWIDE STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN  
THE UNITED STATES

ACQ : VIETNAM, SAIGON

1. THE SAIGON STUDENT UNION (SSU) IS CURRENTLY PREPARING  
FOR A RALLY AND DEMONSTRATION TO TAKE PLACE ONE OR TWO DAYS BEFORE  
30 MAY 1970. THE TIMING OF THESE ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN COORDI-

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NATED WITH THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (NSA) SO THAT THE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL COINCIDE WITH NATIONWIDE DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES SCHEDULED FOR 30 MAY AND FOR WHICH NSA AND OTHER AMERICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS ARE CURRENTLY PLANNING. THE NSA ASKED THE SSU TO CONDUCT ITS DEMONSTRATIONS BEFORE THOSE IN THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO GIVE AMERICAN GROUPS THE ADDITIONAL PROOF THAT THE VIETNAMESE STUDENTS ALSO DEMAND AN END TO THE WAR IN VIETNAM, ALSO WANT GREATER STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND ALSO DEPLORE THE RECENT DEATHS ON AMERICAN CAMPUSES.

2. THE SSU HOPES TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT PARTICIPATION BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SAIGON FEDERATION OF LABOR UNIONS AND BY THE BUDDHIST WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION, LIEN HOA. THE PLANNED ASSEMBLY POINT FOR THE DEMONSTRATION WILL BE AT THE QUACH TRI TRANG SQUARE (LOCATED NEAR THE CENTRAL MARKET), FROM WHERE THE PROCESSION WILL MOVE PAST THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUILDING TO THE RESIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND THEN BACK TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE GROUP WILL STAY AWAY FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE BECAUSE OF THE SECURITY BARRICADES LOCATED

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THERE, AND IT WILL PROBABLY ALSO AVOID THE AMERICAN EMBASSY  
BECAUSE OF SECURITY PRECAUTIONS THAT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE TAKEN  
THERE.

3. THE SSU WILL NOT REQUEST OFFICIAL SANCTION TO HOLD  
THE RALLY AND PARADE. IF POLICE OR MILITARY TROOPS ARE  
SUMMONED TO REPRESS THEIR ACTIVITIES, THE DEMONSTRATORS WILL  
DISPERSE INTO SMALL ROVING BANDS AND ATTACK AND SET FIRE TO  
NUMEROUS GASOLINE STATIONS THROUGHOUT SAIGON. IF THE GOVERN-  
MENT DOES NOT OPPOSE THEM, THE DEMONSTRATORS INTEND TO CAP THE  
DAY'S ACTIVITIES WITH A "CEREMONY FOR PEACE," WHICH  
WILL BE STAGED EITHER IN FRONT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY  
BUILDING OR AT THE QUACH TRI TRANG SQUARE.

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